

GERMANY ADMITS SINKING SUSSEX

OUTLOOK FOR
MEXICO CASE
IS IMPROVED

Baker Believes Conditions
Are More Favorable for
an Agreement.

DIFFERENCES SECRET

Officials Fail to Disclose
Points That Are Halt-
ing Settlement.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary Baker informed President Wilson today that the conference between General Scott and General Obregon last night was not conclusive and that it would be continued today. He indicated that the outlook was more favorable for an agreement being reached. The exact points of difference were not revealed.

General Scott has advised Secretary Baker that no formal counter proposals have been submitted by General Obregon, but that Obregon arranged to submit a paper containing his views today. General Scott did not advise the department what counter proposals were under consideration.

Secretary Baker today received an offer from Governor Pinkham of Hawaii, tendering the services of the Hawaiian national guard.

Without Answer.

El Paso, Texas, May 10.—No answer had been received early today from Washington to General Scott's message reporting General Obregon's proposal for a joint patrol of the international boundary. General Scott said today's conference was to be held regardless of whether a reply was received to the plan of the Mexican minister of war.

General Funston said he had no idea when he would get back to his headquarters at San Antonio. This was taken to indicate that today's conference may not be the last.

Obregon Optimistic.
From Juarez came reports that General Obregon and his advisors were optimistic regarding the outcome of the conference.

It was not expected that A. J. McQuatters, the mining man who withdrew from last night's meeting, would take no further part in the discussions.

General Funston said the coast guard ordered to the border would be assigned to towns, which it could best protect. The militia will be divided among towns, bridges and easily accessible points with close communication, relieving the cavalry now doing patrol duty, for service in the isolated sections of the border.

Washington, May 10.—Virtually the last regular troops in the United States were being mobilized today for Mexican border service. With the national guard of three states, they were under orders to hasten to reinforce General Funston's army. The total of between nine and ten thousand included 11 companies of coast artillery ordered out last night by Secretary Baker.

The proposed military agreement between the Carranza and American government remained unsigned and General Obregon, Mexican war minister, after a three-hour discussion with General Scott last night arranged for still another conference today.

If the situation warrants, national guards of other states will be called out for border patrol duty, officials declared. Secretary Baker stated, however, that no further mobilization orders are contemplated immediately.

Threaten Big Revolt.

Unofficial reports have been received that Mexicans along the entire border had planned for today a concerted uprising. From Mazatlan, on the west coast of Mexico came word that the consul there had been warned by anonymous letters that the consulate

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RAILROAD RECORDS
FOR SAFETY BROKEN

Chicago, May 10.—All railway safety records were broken in 1915 when 325 American roads, reporting to the bureau of railway news and statistics here, went through the entire fiscal year to June 30 without a single fatality to a passenger in a train accident. The roads reporting operated 161,948 miles of line. It is stated that this record of safe operation has never been equaled by the railroads of any other country in the world.

All American roads in 1915, operating over 250,000 miles of line, reported 195 passengers killed in all railway accidents.

During 1915, the 325 American railroads reporting immunity from fatal accidents to passengers carried 455,156,546 passengers a total distance of 18,082,050,000 passenger miles and hauled 1,217,559,477 tons of freight a distance of nearly 185,000,000,000 ton miles.

The decreasing hazard to trainmen is shown by the fact that 255 were employed for every one killed, the best record set in that respect.

No Warning
Given Cymric
Consul Says

London, May 10.—Wesley Frost, American consul at Queenstown, sent a telegram today from Bantury to the American embassy here announcing definitely that there were no Americans on board the Cymric. Mr. Frost said no warning was given, but that the wake of a torpedo was seen, and confirmed previous statements that the vessel was not armed.

Bantry, Ireland, May 10.—Details of the sinking of the White Star liner Cymric were given today by members of the crew, who were landed here. They said that the torpedo which destroyed the ship struck the engine room. The explosion blew all the skylights off and extinguished the lights throughout the vessel.

Four men were killed by the explosion and the chief steward was drowned trying to reach a boat when the crew abandoned the ship.

One hundred and seven members of the crew took to the boats shortly after the liner was torpedoed but returned when it was seen the steamer was not in immediate danger of sinking. They remained on board for two hours when a sloop which had heard the Cymric's wireless calls for help 100 miles away, arrived and took them off. The sloop stood by the stricken liner until she sank at 3:30 in the morning.

All of the crew were British subjects, except one Russian and two Belgians. There were also six passengers on board, members of the British consular service, all of whom were saved.

The officers say that the Cymric was unarmed.

IOWA DEMOCRATS TO
SUPPORT PRESIDENT

Clinton, Iowa, May 10.—Iowa's delegation to the national democratic convention in St. Louis will be instructed for President Woodrow Wilson at today's state convention for Iowa democrats, under the presidential preference primary law. It was expected before the convention opened this morning. The state suffrage and liquor questions, probably will not be considered by the convention, which has to do only with national issues. It is estimated that between 600 and 700 visiting delegates are here.

Dr. J. W. Reynolds, chairman of the democratic state central committee, called the convention to order in the coliseum at 11 o'clock this morning. Following the district caucuses, Rev. F. H. Burrell pronounced the invocation and Mayor H. C. Hansen delivered the address of welcome, which was followed by the "keynote" speech by E. T. Meredith of Des Moines, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, who presided as temporary chairman of the convention.

Following an address by N. D. Ely of Davenport, who had been assured the nomination for congress from the second district, he declined the nomination for reasons, the district conference adjourned until this afternoon.

THE WAR TODAY

There appears to be a deadlock in the fighting between the Germans and French, northwest of Verdun, neither side being able to make much gains. In other directions from Verdun fighting is still going on, but it is somewhat less violent than for a few days past.

On the Russian front the Germans continue to shell Iskull bridgehead and there is artillery activity at other points.

In Armenia the Russians have driven the Turks from their defenses in the region of Mush and have also dislodged them from fortified positions near Bagdad. Berlin advises say the Turks are building a railroad through the desert, preparatory to making another advance on Egypt.

The Italians and Austrians are still engaged in violent artillery battles in the region of San Martino, and Vienna claims the Italians suffered heavy losses by the explosion of an Austrian mine.

Paris advises from Saloniki say that there has been vigorous artillery activity on the Macedonian front. The Germans and Bulgarians have bombarded the village of Mayada, causing much damage.

Secretary of War Baker last night ordered 11 coast artillery companies to the Mexican border, in addition to the militia of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona and three regiments of United States infantry.

A new note on the Sussex case has been handed Ambassador Gerard by the Berlin foreign office.

According to a dispatch from Amsterdam today admission is made in Berlin, following the investigation into the Sussex incident, that it cannot longer be doubted that a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex on the supposition that the vessel attacked was a warship.

Paris reports diminishing activity in the Verdun region following the desperate fighting of the past few days. On both banks of the Meuse the artillery fire has slackened, that east of the river being described as intermittent.

A German attack on the French lines near Moulain-Sous-Toutvent was completely checked.

LESS ACTION
IS REPORTED
NEAR VERDUN

Another Lull in the Battle on
the Western Front Is
in Evidence.

BROKEN BY GUN ROAR

Activity Confined to Inter-
mittent Cannonading
Along the Meuse.

Paris, May 10, (2:30 p. m.)—Activity on the Verdun front has decreased, according to the statement given out by the war office this afternoon. Artillery action west of the Meuse was less pronounced and east of the river was only intermittent.

An attack on French trenches between the Oise and the Aisne was repulsed.

Paris, May 10.—The text of the statement follows:
"Between the Oise and the Aisne, a coupe de main upon one of our trenches southeast of Moulain-Sous-Toutvent was completely checked."

"In the Verdun region, the bombardment west of the Meuse noticeably diminished. East of the Meuse and in the Woerthe region there was intermittent cannonading."

"Hand grenade skirmishes were reported during the night in the woods of Avecourt and in the region south of Fort Donnamont."

German War Report.

Berlin, May 10, (by wireless to Sayville).—The Germans have made further progress on Hill 304 on the Verdun front and have driven back French detachments southwest of the hill, the war office statement of today says. The text follows:

"In the Argonne the enemy, after a mining operation, attempted to enter our lines but was repulsed."

"Southwest of Hill 304 advanced detachments of the enemy were driven further back. One detachment was captured. The new German positions on Hill 304 were extended."

"Eastern front.—A Russian attack south of Garbunovka along a small front was repulsed. The enemy suffered heavy losses."

Heavy Guns Win Gains.

Berlin, May 10.—"The German attack on Verdun is based on the crushing effort of German heavy artillery," writes Major Morath, military critic of the Tagblatt. "The capture of the smaller fortresses in the west at the beginning of the war by the use of heavy artillery was only a prelude to the artillery operations now in progress."

"The French have not been able to compete with German artillery and ammunition. The enormous losses of the French are due partly to the effect of the German artillery and partly to the tenacity of the French, who will not abandon their trenches."

Germans Outnumbered.

"Although it is generally considered that attacking forces must be four times superior to those of the defense, in the Verdun campaign the number of German troops engaged is much less than half that of the French. The number of French troops may be calculated at not less than 800,000. This figure represents half of the entire forces which France still has at her disposal for active fighting."

"All the German successes on the eastern and western fronts were gained with numerically inferior forces. Moreover the Austro-Hungarian troops for a year have been holding back twice their number of enemy. The principal elements in victory—quality of troops and courage—are steadily working to our advantage."

WOMAN DELEGATE IS
FIRST OF ARRIVALS

Chicago, May 10.—Among the first arrivals of delegates to the republican national convention, to be held here June 7, is Mrs. Louise F. Lusk of Missoula, Mont. She is one of the eight delegates elected in the Montana state wide primaries. The delegation is instructed to vote for Senator Cummings for president.

Three women have been elected as delegates to the national convention so far, the other two being from California.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Thursday, much cooler tonight. Fresh north-west winds diminishing in force to night.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 71. Highest yesterday 79, lowest last night 67.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 14 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 33, at 7 a. m. 71, at 1 p. m. today 33.
Stage of water 14.6, a fall of .5 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

WHEN PEACE COMES

JAPAN CENTERS
EYE UPON CHINA

Situation Grows More Intense With
Refusal of Salt Revenue Surplus
and Exodus of Chinese.

Tokio, April 13.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The Chinese question is increasingly the topic of the day in Japan. Visitors returning from Peking report that interest there is centered so much in what Japan will do as in what the revolutionists are accomplishing in the south. The refusal of Japan to hand over the salt revenue surplus to the government of the Suih Kai and the exodus of frightened Chinese from Peking are considered here as evidences of the growing tension and danger of the Chinese situation.

With Japanese officials constantly voicing their policy of non-interference in Chinese domestic affairs, the opinion is heard among representative Japanese and among well informed foreigners and even diplomats, that the movement against Yuan Shi Kai has gone so far that there is even a probability that he will be unable to hold his office as president.

The political groups, hostile to the present Japanese government, are inactive. Takashi Hara, leader of the Seiyukai party, has recently severely criticized the government's Chinese policy, believing it responsible for the present estrangement between the people of Japan and China. He urged the importance of cultivating relations of utmost cordiality and mutual confidence between the two nations and declared that the only way out of the present problem of Japan's relations with China was for Premier Count Okuma and his fellow ministers to get out of office.

Insistent reports in the Japanese press that Russia would soon conclude an agreement with Japan, recognizing Japan's special position in China have created the impression that the entire allies, in consideration of Japan's aid in the present war, may be disposed to cede some of their own interests in China without in any way encroaching upon the integrity of that country, or make concessions on long pending questions, general in nature, touching upon the relations of the powers generally in the far east.

The peace policy of the entente powers is believed here to be very far reaching and it is thought that at the conclusion of the present war an effort will be made to eliminate China and the far east generally as a seat of possible future trouble.

An indication that the China situation may be approaching a climax is found in the words of Tan Jen-Feng, a revolutionary leader who has been staying in Tokio several months and has just left for the revolutionary center of Kwang-Tung.

"My visit to Tokio was to consult Sun Yat Sen, Chan Chung-Huen and other revolutionary leaders on an important question," he is quoted as saying. "I am going shortly, to a certain designation to make a formal declaration about the attitude of the revolutionists toward the existing situation. The formation of a new government to control the provinces which have declared their independence will be realized sooner or later. The candidate for the head of the new government is not yet selected."

Bishops Attend Investiture Service.
Bloomington, Ill., May 10.—Bishops Dunne, O'Reilly and Muldoon and clergymen from all parts of Illinois and adjoining states are here today for the ceremony of the investiture of Father Weldon with the purple robe, accompanying the title of domestic prelate of the papal household. Father Weldon has been rector of Holy Trinity parish, Bloomington, for 40 years and Pope Benedict recently conferred the present honorary appointment.

FAMOUS WRITER
PLEADS FOR IRISH

George Bernard Shaw Decries Execu-
tions of Rebels of Ireland Up-
rising by the British.

London, May 10.—George Bernard Shaw, discussing the executions of the Sinn Feiners, in an open letter today, said:

"My view is, that the men who were shot in cold blood after their capture or surrender were prisoners of war, and it was therefore entirely incorrect to slaughter them. The relation of Ireland to Dublin castle is in this respect precisely the same as the Balkan states toward Turkey, or Belgium toward the Kaiser, or of the United States to Great Britain. Until Dublin castle is superseded by a national parliament and Ireland is voluntarily incorporated with the British empire, like Canada, Australia or South Africa, an Irishman resorting to arms to achieve the independence of his country is doing only what Englishmen will do if invaded and conquered by the Germans. Such an Irishman is as much in order morally in accepting assistance from the Germans as England is in accepting the assistance of Russia in a struggle with Germany."

"The fact that he knows that his enemies will not respect his rights if they catch him, and that he must fight with a rope around his neck, adds in some measure to his glory in the eyes of his compatriots and in the eyes of disinterested admirers of patriotism throughout the world. The slaughter of a man in this position makes him a martyr and a hero. The shot Irishmen will now take their places beside Emmet and the Manchester martyrs in Ireland and beside the heroes of Poland, Serbia and Belgium in Europe. Nothing in heaven or earth can prevent it."

"I am a Sinn Feiner. I have always insisted it is the duty of Ireland to throw herself with all her force against the Germans and Austrians. But I remain an Irishman and will fight for Irish independence against British government."

THAT GOLD TOOTH IS
NO LONGER STYLISH

Springfield, Ill., May 10.—A display of gold in the human mouth, thought very attractive 29 years ago, is absolutely prohibited today by the ethical dentist, says Dr. J. W. Conzett of Dubuque, Iowa, who will speak on "The Present Trend Operative Dentistry" before the annual meeting of the Illinois State Dental society, which is in convention here.

"The dentistry of the past had a narrow perspective, simply the saving of the individual tooth," says Dr. Conzett. "Today we have a larger outlook and see in the preservation of the tooth not only the saving of it but the restoration of its function."

The convention will not adjourn until Friday. Clinics will be held today and Friday.

BAKERS HOPING TO
AMEND 10-HOUR LAW

Springfield, Ill., May 10.—An amendment of the Illinois 10-hour law for women to exclude managers and forewomen in bakeries will probably be included in the legislative program of the Illinois State Bakers' association which is in convention here, according to J. C. Gmelich of Peoria, a past president of the society who is responsible for the movement and who is supported by the officers of the association.

"We favor the present law so far as it affects the woman worker in general, but believe it should apply to women in managerial capacities," said Mr. Gmelich. "The bakery industry, perhaps more than any other gives employment in directive fields to women."

SISAL DEMAND IS
LESS THAN CROP

Much of Product Not Needed to Supply
Wants of American Manu-
facturers Committee Finds.

Washington, May 10.—The federal trade commission reported to the senate today that completion of its appointment of the remainder of the Yucatan sisal crop among American binder twine manufacturers develops no demand for the entire supply. The commission was directed to ascertain the needs of manufacturers after the Comision Reguladora, which controls the crop, had asked a senate committee to oversee distribution of 125,000 bales, which comprises all this season's crop unsold.

The senate committee has been investigating the operations of the Comision Reguladora on charges by binder twine manufacturers that the Comision created an artificial shortage in the supply and then raised the price of sisal. The commission answered that natural causes had caused the raise in price and offered to turn the rest of the crop over to the committee.

The trade commission asked the country's manufacturers to state their needs for the present season. Replies developed a demand for only 107,350 bales.

Latest Bulletins

London, May 10.—The Marquis of Creve announced in the house of lords today that Baron Wimborne, lord lieutenant of Ireland, had resigned.

Kankakee, Ill., May 10.—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Joseph Vanslette, who died here last night, had choked to death on a patent cough medicine.

London, May 10.—Premier Asquith told the house of commons today there was reason to believe that there would be no further necessity to proceed to extreme measures with Irish rebels, although he could give no understanding to that effect.

Washington, May 10.—The house in committee of the whole today by a vote of 65 to 61 adopted Representative Leuroot's amendment to the food control bill which provides that the appropriation for the Mississippi river shall not be expended for the construction or repair of any levee until the Mississippi river commission had assurances that local interests will contribute one-half the sum allotted for the work.

Kankakee, Ill., May 10.—While driving to Channahon today, Charles Wolf of Clifton was killed when his buggy was struck by an Illinois Central freight train.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.
Senator Kenyon of Iowa resumed attack on rivers and harbors appropriation bill.

Federal trade commission submitted report on distribution of Mexican sisal hemp among American binder twine manufacturers.

HOUSE.
Consideration of Humphries food control bill was resumed. Naval committee continued framing of general supply bill.

TEUTONNOTE
TAKES BLAME
FOR TRAGEDY

Confession of Sub Attack on
British Ship Is Made—
Offer to Pay.

NEW LETTER ON WAY

Gerard Advises Lansing of
Berlin Move—Com-
mander Punished.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary Lansing received a message from Ambassador Gerard today giving notice that a new note on the Sussex case had been handed him and was on the way to Washington. It has been indicated that the German government now admits attacking the Sussex, gives notice that the submarine commander responsible has been punished, and promises to make reparation.

Amsterdam, Holland, May 10, (via London, 11 a. m.)—A semi-official dispatch from Berlin says that as the result of the German government's investigation concerning the explosion which damaged the steamship Sussex, it can no longer be doubted that the vessel torpedoed by a German submarine on the supposition that it was a warship, was in fact the Sussex. The dispatch says the German government has acquiesced the United States government with this fact, adding that in accordance with the note of last month Germany will draw its conclusions from the evidence which now has been adduced.

Germany to Pay Brazil for Ship.

Rio Janeiro, May 10.—The German minister, replying to the note of the Brazilian government in regard to the sinking of the Brazilian steamship Rio Branco by a German submarine, informed the chancellery today that his government would undoubtedly receive willingly any communication on the subject addressed to it by Brazil. The minister also expressed his gratification that the crew of the Rio Branco had been saved. As soon as the official inquiry into the sinking of the ship is concluded a demand for indemnity will be presented to Berlin.

The Rio Branco was sunk on May 2 and her crew landed at Blyth, England. The sinking of the ship caused great indignation in Brazil and the newspapers were unanimous in demanding energetic action by the government. It was proposed that Brazil should join with the United States in a protest against German submarine warfare.

FAMILY SLAYER
TAKES OWN LIFE

Murderer of Father, Mother and
Brother Ends Own Life When Cor-
nered by Sheriff's Posse.

Carrington, N. D., May 10.—When Anfield Shifflet, 24 years old, committed suicide yesterday when cornered by a sheriff's posse seeking his arrest for the murder of his father, Joseph Shifflet, two weeks ago, he ended a career of crime in which he killed his father, mother and a brother, according to statements of the Foster county officials.

Two weeks ago the body of Joseph Shifflet was found in a burning straw stack.

Two years ago, Mrs. Joseph Shifflet was found dead at the foot of the basement stairs in her home, killed by a gunshot wound. Anfield Shifflet was the only person on the farm at the time. Following investigations, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

Nine years ago a brother of Anfield Shifflet disappeared. When last seen he was with Shifflet.

Circumstances surrounding the death of Joseph Shifflet led the authorities to believe that Anfield was responsible for his death. When the sheriff went to arrest the man, he fled and was later surrounded in a corn field where he killed himself.

WAR BALLOON LANDS
AT HANOVER, REPORT

Berlin, May 10.—Two of the French balloons which broke their moorings in the French lines in France on Saturday, landed near Hanover. One of the balloons was manned by a crew of three soldiers, apparently officers, who have not yet been captured.

The French official report on Saturday said that about twenty captive balloons had broken from their moorings during a squall and that some of them had been carried to the German lines.